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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR MOLYVIATIS' VIEWS ON THE SUMMIT, KYPRIANOU'S
VISIT AND CONTINENTAL SHELF TALKS

1. AMONG THE TOPICS DISCUSSED DURING MY MEETING TODAY WITH
AMBASSADOR MOLYVIATIS, DIRECTOR OF PRIME MINISTER'S POLITICAL
OFFICE, WERE GREEK PLANS FOR THE INITIAL CARAMANLIS-
ECEVIT SUMMIT MEETING, PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S RECENT
VISIT TO ATHENS, AND DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE PARIS TALKS
ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF LAST WEEK.

2. ON THE FORTHCOMING MEETING BETWEEN CARAMANLIS AND
ECEVIT, MOLYVIATIS SAID HE WAS GOING TO PROPOSE TO TURKISH
AMBASSADOR TEZEL LATER TODAY THAT THE MEETING BE HELD
MARCH 9-10 IN SWITZERLAND. THE GOG PROPOSAL, WHICH HE
EXPECTS THE TURKS TO GO ALONG WITH, IS FOR BOTH PRIME
MINISTERS TO STAY IN THE SAME HOTEL OUTSIDE EITHER
GENEVA OR MONTREUX WHERE THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING TOGETHER
FOR MEALS, ON WALKS IN THE HOTEL GROUNDS AND ON OTHER
INFORMAL OCCASIONS WILL BE CONDUCIVE TO REALLY
GETTING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER. THE PRESS WOULD NOT STAY
IN THE SAME HOTEL AND WOULD BE ALLOWED ACCESS TO THE
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PRIME MINISTERS ONLY UNDER CONTROLLED CONDITIONS SO
THAT TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
CARAMANLIS AND ECEVIT CAN DEVELOP WITHOUT ONE EYE
ALWAYS ON THE PRESS. AS FOR THE SUBSTANCE OF THEIR
TLAKS, CARAMANLIS EXPECTS THE WHOLE RANGE OF GREEK-
TURKISH-CYPRIOT ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED SO THAT EACH CAN
GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE OTHER'S POSITION

WITHOUT, HOWEVER, EXPECTING TO ACTUALLY RESOLVE ANY OF THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE TWO COUNTRIES. MOLYVIATIS ASKED THAT WE PROTECT THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY UNTIL AGREED PLANS FOR THE MEETING BECOME PUBLIC.

3. MOLYVIATIS SEEMED RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S VISIT TO ATHENS EXCEPT TO SAY THAT EVERYTHING WENT WELL; HE ADMITTED THAT THIS HAD GENERALLY BEEN THE CASE DURING PREVIOUS VISITS OF CYPRIOT LEADERS AS LONG AS THEY REMAINED IN ATHENS, BUT THAT AS ALWAYS WE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN KYPRIANOU GETS HOME. THE CRITICAL FACTOR, MOLYVIATIS POINTED OUT IS WHAT CONCESSIONS THE TURKS OFFER; HE HOPES THEY WILL BE MORE POSITIVE THAN PERSISTENT RUMORS HAVE SUGGESTED. EVEN THOUGH THE GREEK SIDE IS PROTECTED SOMEWHAT BY HAVING THE PROPOSALS GO FIRST TO UNSYG WALDHEIM FOR SCREENING, MOLYVIATIS EXPECTS THEY WILL LEAK AS SOON AS THE UN GETS THEM. IF THEY ARE NOT A CLEAR ADVANCE ON WHAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED BEFORE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL BE UNDER GREAT DOMESTIC PRESSURE TO REJECT THEM EVEN BEFORE THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS BEGIN.

4. ASKED TO EVALUATE THE IMPRESSION THAT KYPRIANOU SEEMED TO BE RETREATING FROM CONCESSIONS MAKARIOS HAD MADE
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BEFORE HIS DEATH, MOLYVIATIS SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE KYPRIANOU WOULD RENEGE ON MAKARIOS' ASSURANCES, ALTHOUGH FOR NEGOTIATING PURPOSES IT MIGHT APPEAR THAT WAY IN THE BEGINNING. ON TERRITORY, FOR INSTANCE, ALTHOUGH THE GREEK CYPRIOTS AT VIENNA HAD TABLED A PROPOSAL TO ALLOW THE TURKISH SIDE TO RETAIN 20 PERCENT, KYPRIANOU WOULD PROBABLY AGREE TO A 25 PERCENT FIGURE AFTER HARD BARGAINING, BUT THIS POINT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO REACH IF TURKISH OPENERS CALLED FOR RETAINING MORE THAN ABOUT 30 PERCENT.

5. ON THE PARIS CONTINENTAL SHELF TALKS, MOLYVIATIS SAID THE TURKS HAD FINALLY PRESENTED THEIR COUNTER-OFFER TO THE GOG'S PROPOSALS OF LAST JUNE, AND IT WAS ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE. THE TURKISH SIDE WANTS TO ALLOT 15 PERCENT OF THE ENTIRE CONTINENTAL SHELF TO EACH COUNTRY, WITH THE REMAINDER BEING TREATED AS A CONDOMINIUM. THIS, MOLYVIATIS SAID, COMPLETELY IGNORES THE PRESENCE OF 3,000 GREEK ISLANDS IN THE AEGEAN WHICH HAVE CONTINENTAL SHELVES UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND IS TOTALLY UNREALISTIC. THE GOG IMPRESSION IS THAT TURKS DID NOT REALLY INTEND TO MAKE A SERIOUS COUNTER-PROPOSAL AT

PARIS BUT WERE WAITING TO SEEN WHAT DEVELOPS FROM THE
CARAMANLIS-ECEVIT MEETING. (MOLYVIATIS' COMMENTS
DIFFER FROM THOSE OF AN MFA SOURCE REPORTED IN
ATHENS 1515. I AM SEEING AMBASSADOR TZOUNIS, THE GOG
NEGOTIATOR, TOMORROW AND WILL PROBE FURTHER.) MILLS

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